

CHALLENGE FORM

Name of challenger (please print): Anika Bowie

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Saint Paul

State: MN

Zip: 55104

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Jurisdiction (insert name or numbers):

Congressional District: 4 Organizing Unit: City of St. Paul DFL Precinct: W1 P5

If there is more than one challenger, please provide the contact information for each on additional signed form(s).

Event: St. Paul DFL Convention

Event Date: 4/28/19

Type of challenge (check at least one): ☒ Delegate/ Alternate election ☒ Endorsement ☒ Outreach and Inclusion
☐ Platform/Resolutions ☐ Other (specify): _____

Grounds for challenge (check at least one): ☒ Improper procedure ☒ Dishonesty ☒ Fraud ☐ Member of another political party
☒ Other (specify): Explicit bias, Inequity, Inaccessibility

Detailed explanation of challenge:

(See attached)

Challenges 1 - 12

Specific remedy sought:

No endorsement

Name(s) of person(s) or action(s) challenged:

(See attached)

Address and telephone number of person(s) challenged (if available):

(See attached)

I affirm that the above is true and correct.

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 4-7-2019

All challenges must be in writing and must be postmarked, hand delivered or arrive by fax or e-mail within 10 calendar days after the date the challenged action occurred. File with the State DFL Chair, 255 East Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, by e-mail at chair@dfi.org or by fax 651-251-6325. For assistance or further information, call 651-293-1200 or call toll free 1-800-999-7457.

Use additional sheets as needed.

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(Adopted 5 August 2017, Rev A)

St. Paul DFL Convention:

List of Inequity, Fraud, Dishonesty

1. **Challenge Outreach/Inclusion: (Inequity and Bias)**

There was an insufficient number of translators for non-english speaking delegates. There was only 1 Somali translator in total for all the campaigns to share. The translator was not offering assistance to anyone outside of Dai Thao's campaign. Non-english speaking delegates did not experience a transparent and unbiased process.

DFL Equity and Outreach NA

2. **Challenge Endorsement: (Dishonesty and Fraud)**

Multi-lingual Somali delegates reported incorrect translation of the speech and Q & A. Delegates shouted out "lies" and "stop cheating" when translator translated misinformation about Candidate Bowie's speech. Angry delegates shared Candidate Bowie said "I am Ameircan and the only candidate born and raised here and want to make St. Paul a home for people born and raised in St. Paul." The translator was biased and slanted candidates words to manipulate or persuade delegates.

DFL Somali Translator NA

3. **Challenge Endorsement: (Poor Disruptive Public Relations)**

The Ward Co-chair was unprofessionally aggressive by telling a number of visibly upset immigrant delegates to "Get the fuck back" while proceeding to take ballots out of delegates hands and maintaining an aggressive posture throughout balloting in Precinct 5. The delegates seated in Precinct 5 were improperly seated and were from precinct 2 and spoke very little english.

Beth Commers (

4. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

Candidate Dai Thao was observed handling delegates ballots on the floor and witnesses saw him touching ballots and instructing Somali's delegates on how to vote. While delegates were voting on a frozen floor, Dai Thao and Omar Syeed was found filling out ballots for Precinct 2 delegates who spoke limited english.

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5. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

Delegates were misled by Dai Thao's campaign over the phone and at convention that we were not on the same ballot and a vote for Candidate Bowie would take away a vote for school board candidates. Many of the delegates there for school board convention were misinformed about the delegate voting process. This perverted the process. Misinformation weakens integrity and trust in the political process.

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6. **Challenge Endorsement: (Dishonesty)**

Dai Thao's wife, Amee Xiong, as a Ward 1 Co-Convener, a seemingly neutral DFL volunteer position, did not exclude herself from the credentials committee where she brought up challenges on several delegates along with her campaign staff Vera Ashley. Major issues presented itself in the committee meetings and was not included in the notes such as **the convener for precinct 3 asking to be recognized as a delegate and by passing the process**. The same convener did not have proof of a sign in-sheet and couldn't properly verify delegates attendance. This is the same convener who was reported locking the doors at caucus and demonstrating blatantly poor public relations with new delegates.

Amee Xiong [REDACTED]

7. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

Credentials committee chair Vera Williams told delegates who were visible supporters of candidate Bowie (wearing yellow t-shirts), they weren't on the delegate list and could not give them their credentials. After several attempts to get delegates credentials who were present at caucus, credential committee member Jenny Howard found delegates badges and gave them their badge. The delegates were on the list while Vera Williams lied and said they didn't have credentials. Many of these delegates such as Nathaniel Khalique, Malik Davis, Brian White, Beverly Scarver could not vote on the first ballot because of the misinformation taken place at the credential table by Vera Williams.

Vera Ashley ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED]

8. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

Witnesses reported seeing School Board Candidate Omar Syed give people delegate credentials on the floor minutes before the floor froze. Witnesses said he was handing ballots out of the inside pocket of his jacket. Somali witnesses said the ballots handed out were premarked votes for Dai Thao.

Omar Syed (6[REDACTED])

9. **Challenge Endorsement: (Dishonesty)**

DFL explicitly censored long-time Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter to not endorse Anika Bowie for Ward 1 before taking the stage. All elected officials have discretion to share who they support and the rules committee voted to have elected officials endorse who they want. DFL convener did not censor interim Council Member Kassim to not endorse candidates and allowed him to endorse Dai Thao right before the first round of ballots. The DFL convener's response to censoring County Commissioner Carter and not Council Member Kassim was "professional courtesy".

St. Paul DFL convener NA

10. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

Credentials Chair Vera Ashley asked many delegates of color for their ID. This represented yet another attempt to suppress delegate votes of color.

Vera Ashley (6[REDACTED])

11. **Challenge Endorsement: (Fraud)**

The Credentials committee did not scrub the list and proceeded to convention with a dirty list without names of delegates who turned in proxy forms. Delegate badges had improper precinct information after the credentials committee verified every delegate information.

Vera Ashley [REDACTED]

12. **Challenge Endorsement: (Dishonesty and Disorderly)**

Tension and confusion roused when voting began with over a quarter of delegates improperly seated outside of their precinct area. Chair Beth Commers called for the reseating of delegates while collecting ballots in the first round. The issue was not resolved and conveners carried on with convention despite a failed attempt to properly conduct a fair and transparent voting process for delegates.